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SUBJECT: GERMAN POLICE ADVISORY TEAM: MINISTRY OF INTERIOR

1. DURING PAST TWO OR THREE WEEKS WE HAVE RECEIVED SOMEWHAT CONTRADICTORY SIGNALS CONCERNING FUTURE STATUS OF POLICE ADVISORY TEAM IN AFGHANISTAN, SOME OF WHICH OBVIOUSLY AFFECT FUTURE PLANNING FOR NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT. BNDD SAIC LEARNED CONFIDENTIALLY OF SEVERE FRICTION BETWEEN CHIEF OF POLICE GHANI AND GERMAN ADVISORY TEAM LEADER DIEKMANN, CONFIRMED BY GERMAN DCM KILIAN. ALTHOUGH DIEKMANN NOTORIOUSLY UNRELIABLE REPORTER, HE WAS APPARENTLY FURIOUS WITH GHANI FOR LATTER'S ACCUSATION THAT "GERMAN ADVISORS ARE ALL LAZY." HE AND TEAM HAD THREATENED TO "STRIKE." GHANI AND DIEKMANN SUBSEQUENTLY TOURED VARIOUS ADVISOR ASSIGNMENTS TOGETHER AND GHANI DISCIPLINED A NUMBER OF AFGHAN ADVISORS FOR POOR PERFORMANCE. ACCORDING TO GERMAN DCM, MATTER SUBSEQUENTLY SMOOTHED OVER, BUT BRUISED RELATIONSHIPS WHICH HAVE CHARACTERIZED PROJECT IN PAST DOUBTLESS ARE EVEN
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MORE BRUISED AT PRESENT.

2. SHORTLY AFTER INCIDENT, KILIAN TOLD US MINISTER OF INTERIOR PAZHWAK HAD JUST LEFT ON OFFICIAL VISIT TO GERMANY AS GUEST FRG. INVITATION ORIGINALLY EXTENDED LAST FALL WHEN HE WAS GOVERNOR OF KABUL. PAZHWAK SUDDENLY REQUESTED ABOUT A MONTH AGO TO PROCEED WITH TRIP AND GERMANS HAD ONLY JUST COMPLETED ARRANGEMENTS. KILIAN SAID PAZHWAK HAD BEEN GIVEN INSTRUCTIONS BY HM KING ZAHER TO PRESS FOR CONTINUATION OF GERMAN ADVISORY PROJECT BEYOND PRESENT EXPIRATION DATE OF 1974. IF TRUE, THIS WOULD SUGGEST THAT FRICTION BETWEEN GHANI AND TEAM NOT REFLECTED IN HIGHER LEVEL DISSATISFACTION.

3. SIMULTANEOUSLY, HOWEVER, BRITISH GOVERNMENT IS SENDING TWO SENIOR OFFICIALS TO KABUL MAY 26- JUNE 7 FOR RECONNAISSANCE SURVEY OF POLICE SITUATION LOOKING TOWARDS POSSIBLE FUTURE BRITISH POLICE ASSISTANCE. (INDIVIDUALS ARE MCCOON, SENIOR POLICE OFFICIAL, AND SATCLIFF, BRITISH SECRET SERVICE.) ACCORDING TO BRITISH CHARGE, THIS MISSION RESULTS FROM REQUEST MADE TO BRITISH DURING PRINCE PHILIP' S VISIT TO KABUL, ENERGETICALLY ENDORSED AND APPROVED BY THEN NEWLY ARRIVED BRITISH AMBASSADOR DRINKALL, WHO CURRENTLY IN LONDON ON CONSULTATIONS. GERMAN DCM BELIEVES BRITISH MISSION COMING AT SHAFIQ' S PERSONAL REQUEST TO ESTABLISH PARAMETERS FOR POSSIBLE BRITISH ADVISORY ROLE IF RPT IF GERMANS REFUSE CONTINUE PROJECT BEYOND 1974. BRITISH CHARGE MORE NON-COMMITTAL ABOUT LONG- RANGE PURPOSE.

4. AMBASSADOR SCHURMANN RECENTLY TOLD POLOFF HELSETH IN GENEVA THAT HE HAD LEARNED CONFIDENTIALLY IN KABUL THAT FRG MIGHT END ITS POLICE ASSISTANCE IN 1974 AND THAT UK HAD BEEN ASKED BY RGA TO CONSIDER PROVIDING THIS ASSISTANCE THEREAFTER. SCHURMANN CONSEQUENTLY WAS BEING VERY CIRCUMSPECT IN HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH GERMANS ABOUT THEIR SUPPORT AND CONTRIBUTION TO UN PROGRAM UNTIL THIS ISSUE HAD BEEN EITHER RESOLVED OR WAS BEING MORE OPENLY DISCUSSED.

5. IN PRIVATE CONVERSATION WITH GERMAN AMBASSADOR BREUER AT RECENT FRG CHIEFS OF MISSION CONFERENCE IN JAKARTA, FRG FONMIN SCHEEL SAID HE WAS PERSONALLY VERY SYMPATHETIC WITH PROPOSED CONTINUATION OF POLICE PROJECT HERE.

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6. COMMENT: AMID THESE VARIOUS CROSSCURRENTS, ONLY ONE THING SEEMS CLEAR: RGA SEEMS ANXIOUS TO CONTINUE OBTAIN POLICE ADVISORY ASSISTANCE FROM SOMEONE, AND FRG PROJECT CONTINUATION BY NO MEANS ASSURED. (KILIAN ESTIMATES CHANCE OF CONTINUATION BEYOND 1974 AT 50-50.)
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